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Following please find the Response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003 in the referenced patent application.

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and Overlength Loops

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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